

# NATIONAL LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY (NALSA) MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION PROJECT COMMITTEE

(MCPC)



NALSA-MCPC-Spl Campaign -1/2025-26 Dated 27th June,2025

Τo,

The Registrar General

High Court of Punjab and Haryana,

Chandigarh

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Sub: Mediation "For the Nation" Campaign (90 days' Mediation drive to settle pending cases in all the Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts of India).

# Sir/Madam,

This is to apprise you that the National Legal Services Authority in association with the Mediation & Conciliation Project Committee, Supreme Court of India has conceptualized the Special Mediation Drive- Mediation 'For The Nation' under the guidance of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA and Chairman, MCPC. The "Mediation for the Nation" campaign is being launched across the length and breadth of India. It is a 90 days' intensive drive to settle pending cases in all the Taluka Courts, District Courts and High Courts of India through mediation.

The **Standard Operating Procedure** as approved by the **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Judge, Supreme Court of India & Executive Chairman, NALSA and** Chairman, MCPC for this Campaign- Mediation 'for the Nation' is enclosed with this letter as **Annexure-A**.

The time line for the aforesaid Campaign - Mediation "For the Nation' is as under:

### TIME LINE

**1\* JULY TO 31\* JULY-** Case identification, Information to parties and referral to Mediators. (Note-Efforts for mediation will begin soon after referral to Mediator)

July 2025- VC of His Lordship Hon'ble Justice Surya Kant with Chief Justices and Members of Mediation Monitoring Committees of all High Courts of India. (Date of VC will be communicated in due course)

31-7-2025- Transmission of data to MCPC by all the High Courts as to total matters pending as well as referred to mediation under each category in the State on the dedicated email id (dedicated email id will be shared to all High Courts in due course)

4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> August and 1<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>th</sup> September 2025  $\rightarrow$  Transmission of data as to matter settled through mediation to the MCPC by the SLSA on the dedicated email.

6-10-2025- Transmission of data as to total matters referred to Mediation and total matters settled to the MCPC by the High Court on the dedicated email (format is given in the SOP- Annexure A)

7<sup>th</sup> October 2025- Press Release by each SLSA/Mediation Monitoring Committee of the High Court

You are requested to nominate a senior judicial officer as the nodal officer for the State to send the data in time as also to coordinate with the NALSA and MCPC.

I have been directed to request your good self to place the Letter before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court for His Lordship's kind perusal and needful.

With regards,

Encl. - As above

Yours sincerely

Member Secretary, NALSA

Santosh Kumar Secretary, MCPC

Copy To:

- 1. Secretary to the Government of India
- Department of Justice, Ministry of Law & Justice, New Delhi

2. Secretary to Government of India

Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice New Delhi

3. Chief Secretary

State of Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh

With the request that as the State is one of the parties in large number of cases, active involvement of State Officers in this **Campaign-Mediation for the Nation** is essential. Therefore, it is requested that all the departments whose matters are pending in the Courts- Taluka to High Court- may be impressed upon to make extra efforts to identify their respective cases and take pro-active steps for maximum settlement of cases in the drive.

4. Member Secretary, State Legal Services Authority for placing it before Hon ble Executive Chairman for kind information.

Secretary MCPC

### ANNEXURE A

# <u>The Standard Operating Procedure as approved by the Hon'ble Executive Chairman NALSA</u> and Chairman, MCPC for the Campaign-Mediation<sup>4</sup> For the Nation<sup>4</sup>.

#### 1. TIME LINE

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### Action by the High Court/District Court/Taluka Court

2. All matters having elements of settlement including matters pending under each of the following categories may be referred for mediation.

MATRIMONIAL DISPUTES GASES,

ACCIDENT CLAIMS CASES,

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES,

CHEQUE BOUNCE CASES,

COMMERCIAL DISPUTES CASES

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SERVICE MATTERS CASES,

CRIMINAL COMPOUNDABLE CASES,

CONSUMER DISPUTES CASES,

DEBT RECOVERY CASES,

PARTITION CASES,

EVICTION CASES,

LAND ACQUISITION CASES,

OTHER SUITABLE CIVIL CASES

3. High Courts and District Courts may identify suitable cases from their database irrespective of the date fixed in the matter. For notice/intimation to the parties, the Courts may list them in the Cause list from 01-07-2025 to 31-07-25 under the Heading – "For Referral to the Special Mediation Drive- Mediation 'For the Nation'.

4. All such matters should be referred in which there exists an element of settlement.

5. Referral order should contain first date of mediation as well as mobile number and email id of the coordinator of the Mediation Centre where the parties are to appear for settlement efforts.

# Action by SLSA/DLSA/TLSC/Mediation Centre

6. All existing Mediators including the Mediators who have undergone 40 Hours Mediation Training recently shall be involved in this Campaign and matters shall be marked to them.

 $\vec{x}$ . Mediation settlement efforts shall be made on all  $\vec{x}$  days of the week as per the convenience of the parties.

8. Parties willing to appear online shall be allowed to appear online.

9. Mediation may be completely in offline mode (physical mode), completely in online mode or in Hybrid mode.

10. Taluka or District Legal Services Authority shall facilitate online mediation.

11. Help of counselors, subject matter experts may be taken in the special campaign wherever required.

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12. Entire data of cases settled shall be transmitted to the MCPC in tabular chart containing case no., name of the parties, Referral Court's name, category/nature of the case, name of the mediator, first mediation date and final result date.

SI.NO.	Case No.	Parties' Name	Referral Court's Name	Category/Nature of case	Mediator	First date of Mediation	Final Result Date

Action by SLSA/High Court Mediation Monitoring Committee

13. Wide publicity in the print and electronic media should be given to this Mediation Campaign- Mediation 'For the Nation' by the SLSA/High Court Mediation Monitoring committee in regional languages also. The SLSA/High Court Mediation Monitoring Committee may get the campaign document and all other relevant materials translated in to the regional languages of the State.

14. Mediation Monitoring Committee of the High Court may monitor the mediation campaign to ensure its success,

15. Concerned High Court may make its own strategy for ensuring success of this campaign.

### **Action by Secretary MCPC**

16. MCPC shall request the NJA Bhopal to conduct intensive study on all aspects of the campaign including its impact in association with such National Law Universities which it deems fit.

17. MCPC shall inform the Secretary to the Government of India about this campaign.

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